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News Briefs

Lake Harbor needs help forming their own fire department

A small group of concerned residents of the Lake Harbor community has formed a committee to determine the feasibility of starting a volunteer fire department.

They need the support and assistance of their neighbors. Anyone interested in helping them in their endeavor to protect lives and property of their community is encouraged to attend their next meeting on Monday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church Hall, Lake Harbor.

Anyone who cannot attend the meeting, but is interested in helping out, please call Robert Dollar at 996-4061.

Memorial Day BBQ set

A Memorial Day Weekend barbecue is being offered by American Legion, Post 20, Belle Glade. Legion members will be offering chicken dinners from noon until finish on Sunday, May 26, and music will be provided by "The Country Rogues" from 2 p.m. until finish.

Take out is available and the donation is \$6. Everyone is invited to attend.

Splash Down in Pahokee

The City of Pahokee Parks and Recreation Department and WEDR (99 JAMZ) will be hosting a Splash Down at the Pahokee Marina on May 25 from 2 to 7 p.m.

There will be a host of entertainment and music will be provided by the Miami Boy's (Pure Funk DJ's). All vendors interested in taking part in this event will be charged a \$25 booth fee in advance or \$35 per booth on the day of the event.

Advance registration forms can be picked up or faxed to vendors by contacting the City of Pahokee Parks and Recreation Department at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee (across from Burger King) or by calling 924-2972 for a faxed registration form.

For further information call 924-2976.

Nurses Appreciation Luncheon planned

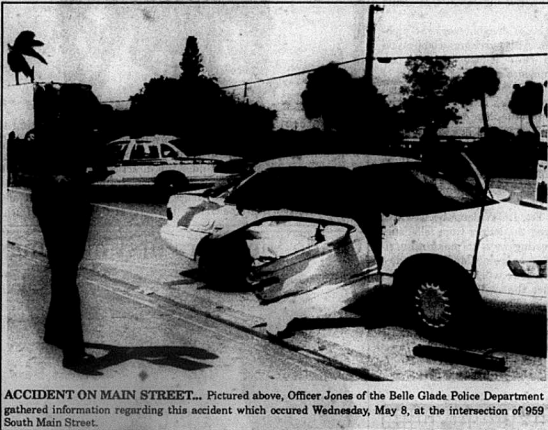
Nurses around the lake will be honored this Friday during National Nurses Week with a special "Nurses Appreciation Luncheon" at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge.

All nurses are invited to attend the event, which begins at 12:30 p.m.

To get an accurate count of those who will be in attendance, nurses are asked to call Ida Misset at 992-1336, or Mina Murray at 996-2025.

Card Exchange

On Thursday, May 16, the Belle Glade and Pahokee Chambers of Commerce will be having a Card Exchange Mixer at Western Communities Family Practice of Belle Glade, 941 S.E. First Street from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Chamber members are invited to attend and get to know other fellow members.



ACCIDENT ON MAIN STREET... Pictured above, Officer Jones of the Belle Glade Police Department gathered information regarding this accident which occurred Wednesday, May 8, at the intersection of 959 South Main Street.

Investigation ends for Lake Shore Middle School principal

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Charges won't be levied against a local middle school principal who was being investigated by the Palm Beach County School Board.

Richard Ramsey, who has been the principal at Lake Shore Middle School since 1991, was being investigated by the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office. They said in an April 3 letter to the school board that there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr. Ramsey with grand theft, official misconduct and an organized scheme to defraud, but the school board has

declined to prosecute.

School Board Superintendent Joan Kowal said in a letter to the state attorney's office that her office was declining to prosecute. They say they assume Mr. Ramsey was in school during several morning sessions before leaving for speaking or workshop engagements for a side business he operates called Ramsey's Communications and Consultant Agency.

The district did deduct a half-day's pay from time Mr. Ramsey spent at two speaking engagements and another half-day of vacation time for a day he was not at the school.

Surviving the 1928 Hurricane

"A Time of Stress"

A piece of history has been given to the Belle Glade and Pahokee Libraries.

Milton Carpenter of Belle Glade recently presented a copy of his mother's first hand account of the family's experiences at Pahokee during the 1928 Hurricane to the Loula V. York Memorial Library in Pahokee and the Belle Glade Municipal Library in Belle Glade.

Milton's mother, Ruth Ellen Shive Carpenter, wrote the story about six months after the

hurricane but never finished typing it up from her 52 pages of hand-written notes. She died in 1987.

The story "A Time of Stress" was found by Milton a year ago and he decided it should be shared with the public, as well as members of the Carpenter family.

Milton is a native of Pahokee, having been born Dec. 25, 1928, just a few months after "The deadliest hurricane in the history of Florida."

Part One

We left Tulsa, Ok., on a beautiful day, the first of Aug. 1928, little knowing our destination was not Florida, but tragedy.

My parents, Calvin and Rhoda Shive, and my married sister, Lillian, & family, whose home was in Florida, had paid us a visit and we decided to return with them for a much-needed vacation and the joy of a change. In our car, we took the lead, my husband Dan at the wheel, myself and my little daughter Dorothea, past four. We were driving a far-from-new car and could not make as much speed as my father and sister in their new cars. In order that we might stay together, we were to set the pace for speed. My father, mother and little sister Geraldine, eight, came next to us. Then my sister Lillian, her

- First part of a three part series

husband Duncan, and baby Donald, not yet a year old, were in the rear.

My sister drove their car, as after a complete physical examination a few days before, my brother-in-law found that the source of his recent ill feelings was hookworm, something that is very common in the South. He had probably had it for years and as a result, the valve leading into his heart was greatly enlarged and any exertion at all was dangerous for him. He was ordered to bed for six weeks as soon as he reached home.

"I was in what could be described as a rather delicate condition at that time as we were again expecting the Storm, but I was assured by my physician that the 2,000-mile trip would not hurt me if I was careful.

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Florida Supreme Court okays tax limitation amendment for Nov. ballot

The Florida Supreme Court ruled May 9 that a citizen's initiative to require a two-thirds vote before a state tax, such as an income tax, or fee, can become part of the State's Constitution, will appear on the November ballot.

"If passed by the people in November, this amendment will be a firewall against a state income tax in Florida," said David Biddulph, chairman of the Tax Cap Committee, sponsors of the amendment.

In 1994, the Tax Limitation amendment proposal received the signatures of more than 800,000 Florida voters in what was the most successful petition drive in Florida history. The Court, however, did not allow the amendment to remain on the ballot because it ruled that contrary to the State Constitution's requirement, that amendments address only a single subject, the Tax Limitation amendment dealt with taxes and

fees.

But in the election of that year, voters approved a constitutional amendment that removed the single subject requirement for tax and revenue related issues. Several founders of the Tax Cap Committee were responsible for another tax limitation proposal, that was, ironically, also entitled Proposition One. It was removed by the Court in 1984 because it violated the single-subject restriction.

"The Tax Limitation amendment already has the required number of signatures, and the law that enabled the court to strike it from the 1994 ballot no longer applies," said Mr. Biddulph.

"Now that our Tax Limitation amendment will be Proposition One on the 1996 general election ballot in November, the citizens of Florida will have an opportunity to vote for protection from the tax tyranny of special interest groups," he said.



A PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY... Pictured above, Milton Carpenter (right) presents a copy of his mother's story titled "A Time of Stress" to Belle Glade's Librarian Phyllis Lilly (left) in front of the 1928 Hurricane remembrance statue located next to Belle Glade's Public Library.

Man files discrimination suit against local property owner

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

A racial discrimination suit has been filed against a local Belle Glade man who owns land and rental property in the city.

Jeff Godfrey filed suit with the Office of Equal Opportunity in April, claiming Lorenzo Connell of 101 N.E. 7th Street, Belle Glade, refused to sell him some vacant lots across

from his home on 7th Street.

Mr. Godfrey, who works for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department, said he went to Mr. Connell's home Aug. 1, 1995 and asked him about the lots, which he had been told were for sale. He says he was hoping to build a single family home on the site. Mr. Connell said he was told the lots were for sale and that he was shown the layout of those lots. He said he was also told by Mr. Connell that he was

being "very selective" about whom he would sell the lots.

Mr. Connell disputes Mr. Godfrey's story, saying he does not ever remember a black man coming to his door to ask about the lots. He does remember a white man who said he worked for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department inquiring about the lots.

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"We have black tenants and owners in our area. We have

Palestinians, whites, and blacks. I own rental property and most of my renters are black. I don't discriminate," he said.

Mr. Godfrey's complaint has been sent to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. He is waiting to hear from them.

"This is the 1990s, not the 1890s," said Mr. Godfrey. "This kind of thing should not be happening."

A busy 1996 hurricane season predicted

By Mike Lyons

It looks like it's going to be another busy season for hurricanes. Dr. William Gray, the hurricane forecaster who is right 80 percent of the time, has already issued his prediction for the 1996 season.

Dr. Gray thinks 12 tropical storms will form this year with seven maturing into hurricanes. That's more than the annual average of ten storms and six hurricanes but far fewer than last year.

Nineteen tropical storms formed in 1995 with eleven making it to hurricane status. Four of the storms, Allison, Erin, Jerry and Opal, struck Florida.

Thankfully, most of the major storms, with the exception of Opal, veered away from the United States. Dr. Gray never says where or if any of these storms will make landfall but no state has been hit by tropical systems more often than Florida.

Preparation is the key to making it through a hurricane. Still, some folks wonder why science can't make these storms just go away? If we can harness the power of the atom; they argue, why can't we control hurricanes? Guess what? It has already been tried. Back in the 1960's and early 70's, scientists at the National Hurricane Center

thought they could control hurricanes or at least weaken them a bit.

It was called Project Storm Fury. It was an ambitious but simple idea. Fly into a hurricane spreading dry ice outside the eye of the storm. That, the scientists figured, would create another eye, weakening the inner eye and tearing the storm apart.

It seemed like a good idea on paper but when it was tried on several hurricanes it didn't seem to work. "The big thing that the scientists involved in Project Storm Fury failed to appreciate is the scale and power of a hurricane," said Dr. Hugh Willoughby, the Director of the Hurricane Research Laboratory in Miami. Dr. Willoughby knows about the power of a hurricane. He spent most of his adult life studying these giant storms. "The energy of the wind in Hurricane Andrew was equivalent to the energy of a moderate sized rocket taking off," he said. "It's like nuclear weapons going off continually."

Still, Dr. Willoughby gets many letters from people suggesting ways to humble a hurricane. Some suggestions are crazy-like dropping a hydrogen bomb on the storm. "If you drop an H-bomb what you get is a radioactive hurricane," said Dr. Willoughby.

Others suggest attacking the hurricane at its source—interrupting the heat supply from the ocean. Basically, a hurricane runs by pulling heat out of the ocean. If you cut off that supply of energy you could weaken the storm.

"That would work if we could find some sort of oil that would slow down the heat transfer," Dr. Willoughby said. "Trouble is nobody's ever created the miracle active ingredient that would do it."

Dr. Willoughby says the problem with hurricane modification is that it would take an immense amount of some sort of miracle ingredient to get the job done. "It's really beyond the scale of human energy," he said. "When people get to the point where they can wrestle with hurricanes, they're going to be able to fly to the stars. That's the type of energy we're talking about."

Yet, Dr. Willoughby will still read the letters from folks suggesting ways to make a hurricane go away. "Maybe someday, someone will come up with an idea that will really work," he said. "There are a lot of creative people but the thing they fail to appreciate is that a hurricane is real big and real powerful."

Mike Lyons is the weatherman for WPBF, Channel 25.



Students in fourth and fifth grades are broadcasting the news, weather, and special events to their classmates every morning on Glade View's Eagle Network. Two teams of students were selected after they filled out job applications, interviewed, and auditioned on the school's closed circuit TV station. Under the direction of teachers Sam Barbose and Cyndi Stigall, students act as anchors, meteorologists, camera operators, floor managers, and audio technicians. Pictured above, front row, Bruce McEever, Tracy Dessaint and Trevonna Moodie. Back row, Michael Gooden, Antoine Glover, Herkena McCoy, Shaquitta Lucate and Nicole King.

Glade View airs first morning news TV show



Glade View broadcasters, front row, Shalonda Lester and Nykesha Vereen. Back row, Keechian Arnett, Kinard Carey, Renette Fortune, and Albert Dukes.

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Alternatives to Hysterectomy

Healthfirst

By Paula Swaford, R.N.

"Every Diabetic I know is a liar". At least that's the opinion of one of our diabetic patients. She said, "We'll all kid ourselves into thinking that we can get away with certain things...like not following our diet, cheating on our calorie limit, not exercising enough, etc. It's like a game we play with the rest of the world." When I approached other patients of ours with diabetes, I discovered she was right. The "game" is played, but the victim is the person who instigated the game. Who gets hurt when the diabetic cheats, and gets away with it? Think about it.

Currently, one in 20 Americans has diabetes. Approximately 10 percent of these 12 million people have Type I (insulin-dependent) Diabetes Mellitus, which requires daily injections of insulin. Although it can occur at any age, it generally begins during childhood or adolescence. Type II (non-insulin dependent) Diabetes accounts for 90 percent of the cases and about half of these individuals are 65 years or older.

Diabetes is a chronic disease that can successfully be managed by medication, diet and exercise. The chronic status of the disease means that it will be with you forever and ever. You won't magically awake one morning and NOT be diabetic anymore. Because it is a chronic condition, it may threaten your feeling of independence. This is a normal reaction, along with grief (the "Why Me?" attitude), anger, depression and an initial reaction of denial. Once you come to grips with the realization that you have the disease, then you must decide if the disease will control you or that you will make the necessary adjustments, time and effort needed to control and manage it.

One of the most effective management tools available today is education. All around you are articles, books, pamphlets, etc. geared to inform you about your disease. Look and search for answers to your problems in dealing with diabetes. During our monthly Diabetic support group sessions we have discovered that it is beneficial to talk about your problems with other people who experience similar difficulties. Group therapy has proven to be successful in managing other diseases like Parkinson's and alcoholism, and it can work for those with diabetes also. Ignorance of the disease and its problems is no longer an acceptable excuse...if it ever was.

I personally know a 25-year-old man, who was diagnosed at age 17 with Type I Diabetes. He follows no dietary restriction, works up to 12 hour days in a modern, physically demanding job and he has not seen a physician in four to five years, and still takes the same insulin dosage twice a day as he did when he was initially diagnosed. Is this man at risk for developing cardiac and renal (kidney) problems? Is his blood sugar out of control most of the time? Will he eventually find that his body has been rebelling against his mismanagement of this disease and complications will occur? Hopefully, he will "wake up and smell the coffee" and decide to take control of his problem soon, before it's too late.

If you know someone that suffers from diabetes, urge them...encourage them to take control and get help to manage this disease while there is still time. Until next time...stay informed and stay healthy.

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Good job!

"Hi. I'd just like to say congratulations to the Glades Day School Gator Glee Club and the Junior High Glee Club.

Once again, their director, Miss Nehls, put on a great performance. The kids were good and she did a great job too.

Thank you."

City short two firefighters

"Attention all residents of Belle Glade - The fire department is short staffed, not due to the inability to find dedicated workers, willing to work 72 hours straight, but of course, due to budget cuts.

The fire department is two firefighters/EMTs short, due to two firefighters leaving for other fire departments, leaving two shifts one person short.

Until May 10, 1996, these spots were filled. Now, due to city budget cuts the two shifts will run one person short and try to handle what ever comes up.

The City of Belle Glade receives money to respond to out-of-town traffic accidents and for fire protection from the county. But this money goes to the city's general fund, not to the fire department's budget. The fire department is the only department that goes out of town - not the police department, not sanitation, not water, not sewer.

Where is the fire department's money going in the general fund? Maybe all the new city vehicles that the department has to drive? Maybe all the new trucks that all the departments have?

Once again, we see a wrong which must be made right. Trash collection twice a week and paying overtime to turn on a water meter that should be done on business hours, has become more important than saving lives and property. I understand that most people need their trash picked up every week, and if lucky, will never need the fire department, but when you do need fire rescue, it is usually a life-threatening situation.

So, is your trash more important than your life or property? This is your town, Belle Glade, not theirs. Speak out. Let's not learn by our

mistakes.

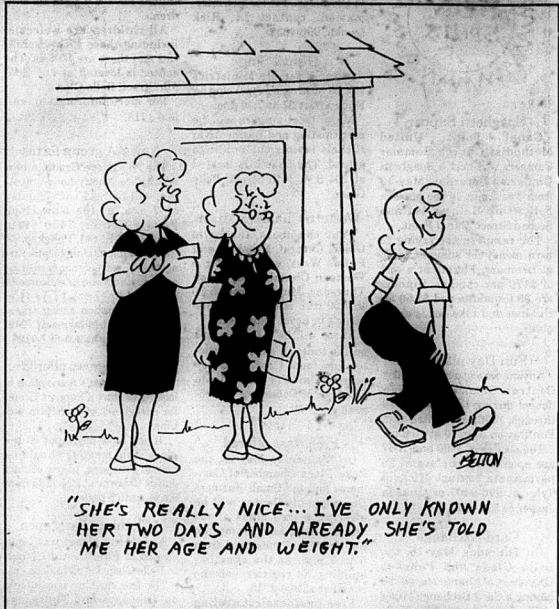
Let us not lose one life or one dollar of property before we make sure this doesn't happen now, or ever again. Let your commissioners know your thoughts. Let your neighbors know about the situation. See what they think."

Chief Michael Miller responds: "The mayor, city commission, and city manager, have never made a decision or implemented a policy that will endanger any city employee or any citizen of Belle Glade. To the contrary, even in the most difficult times, public safety has been their number one priority.

As Director of Public Safety for the City of Belle Glade, I will not compromise on public safety, however, I also have a responsibility to manage the public safety budgets (police department and fire department) to insure fiscal accountability and best use of available resources. The public safety budgets are reviewed on a regular basis and in the normal course of events some adjustments are always necessary to maintain a balanced budget. Various methods are used to fine tune the budget during any budget year. These strategies do not compromise public safety nor do they create a cut back in services. It should be noted that all departments in the city are conducting similar reviews and putting in place similar strategies to insure a balanced budget. These strategies include a temporary hiring freeze, reducing overtime, and reassigning personnel for maximum efficiency. These adjustments are just good business.

Tactical safeguards are in place to insure that there is absolutely no compromise in public safety and no cut backs in service. All vacant public safety positions will be filled no later than October 1, 1996, and I have been assured by a vast majority of the members of the Belle Glade Fire Department and all the members of the Volunteer Fire Department that we will continue to work together to provide the citizens of Belle Glade and Western Palm Beach County the best firefighting and fire prevention services possible.

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Official English laws boost discrimination, says University of Florida law professor

By James Hellegard
University of Florida News

If you can read these words, chances are you don't think a law making English the official U.S. language will change your life.

But would you support a law that established one skin color as the official race? Or make "one faith the official religion of the country?"

More than 40 years after the U.S. Supreme Court declared Jim Crow laws unconstitutional, legislation making English the official language in the United States threatens to cause similar injustices, says a University of Florida law professor who recently told U.S. senators an official-English bill before them is unconstitutional.

Enacted throughout the South following Reconstruction, Jim Crow Laws enforced racial segregation in schools, parks, cemeteries, theaters and restaurants. UF Law Professor Juan Perea says official-English laws draw similar discriminatory lines. Now the issue isn't the color of a person's skin, but the language he or she speaks.

"Today our notion of equality has developed far enough that we know that a law saying white is the official race of America would be struck down as unconstitutional," Perea said. "Well, official English does the same thing, but with language. A classification based on language would violate the Constitution."

Supporters say official-English laws unify a diverse people. Perea, who testified before the Senate last month, says it's discriminatory and undemocratic.

The problem is that language has been recognized as an aspect of one's ethnic identity like race or religion, say Perea, who grew up in a Spanish-speaking household.

Just as you can't have official-race laws or official-gender laws, you shouldn't have official-language laws for exactly the same reasons," said Perea, who has edited and contributed to a soon-to-be-published book titled *Immigrants Out! The New Nativism and the Anti-Immigrant Impulse in the United States*.

The Supreme Court last month agreed to review an Arizona case involving the state's official-English constitutional amendment, a sweeping measure that would establish English as the "language of the ballot, the public schools and all governmental functions."

An appeals court struck down the amendment. Already, 23 states have some form of official-English laws. Such laws, Perea said, arise from fear among white, English speaking Americans, who perceive changes happening in the country.

The facts, however, don't support such a fear, Perea said. He points out that 97 percent of Americans are proficient in English, and 99.94 percent of government publications are in English.

"The basis of this law is really fear, a kind of cultural fear," he explained. "It's not rational and it doesn't correspond to facts about language."

After all, Perea said, the United States has a long history of multi-lingualism. After the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress published the Articles of Confeder-

ation in official German, French and English editions. Few people today are unaware of growing numbers of Spanish speakers in Florida and the Southwest, but, Perea asks: Did you know that German was once commonly spoken in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New York and Ohio? Or that French was spoken in Louisiana, and Dutch and Swedish could be heard rolling off tongues in New York and Delaware?

And multi-lingualism continues today. In the 1990 census, 34.8 million Americans over age 5 - more than 14 percent - said they spoke a language other than English at home. Supporters of the federal legislation say little would change if English is made the official language.

Exceptions would be made in public health, law enforcement, court interpreters, foreign language training, tourism promotion and bilingual education programs.

But when the government makes English the official language, Perea said, it's telling millions of Americans that their language is "second class."

"It's that change in status that creates inequality," Perea said. "It sends a message that English is the only acceptable form of American identity, and it basically sanctions a lot of private discrimination. People start expressing a lot of hostility toward languages other than English."

Editor's note: Any citizen who disagrees with this writer is welcome to send their views as a letter to the editor or as a future guest commentary.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

To the City of Belle Glade, Chief Steve Rice, Chief Mike Miller, and the Water and Sanitation Departments:

The majority of the Belle Glade Fire Department would like to offer our deepest apology to each of you. Two fire department employees took it upon themselves to speak with Channel 5 news on May 10. These members have a combined time at this department of less than four

years.

This is not an excuse for their actions, however, this is an apology from all paid and volunteer members of this department who do enjoy working here.

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The Business Incubator is coming to the Glades

By Virginia Martin

Are you interested in starting a business? Have you been in business for a while, but are having trouble staying afloat? Is your business ready to expand?

If you have answered "Yes" to any of these questions, a new program may help you get your plans off the ground. This program is called the Glades Business Incubator Project, and its purpose is to help businesses get started and grow in the Glades. Thanks to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, funding has been allocated to bring this project to the Glades.

The Private Industry Council is supporting the project with staff and in-kind services. The city governments, GCDC, and the chambers have all been instrumental in bringing this project to fruition.

Some of you may have heard about incubators at the

Rural Initiatives Conference last fall. Some of you may be aware of them because you completed a survey that helped us get this funding. For those of you who don't know what a business incubator is, it is a program designed to provide the support and assistance necessary to grow and thrive. It has been demonstrated across the country that new businesses have a 65 percent failure rate in the first five years of operation.

Businesses that have been through an incubation program have an 85 percent success rate. That is a substantial difference, especially when you consider how much time, energy, and resources go into opening a new business.

An incubator project provides critical assistance, secretarial services, telephone and reception services, help developing a business plan, market strategy, financing, setting up

books, management, and employment issues. Participating businesses share the costs of services, basic office equipment and some supplies. The incubator generally provides services for participants at a pre-determined rate, and those rates are usually at market rate or slightly below. It is the support, training, and advice that makes the real difference for these businesses.

We are currently working on the business plan for the incubator, setting up the training curriculum, and arranging the services.

We will be using the Incubator Survey names as our initial mailing list for information, so if you didn't complete a survey, we need to get your name and address as soon as possible so we can keep you informed to the progress.

Give Debra a call at GCDC, 992-9500 to register for the mailings.



SIC EM. Officer John Owens, far right, assists Belle Glade K-9 Officer James P. Dingle and his dog Bardo during preparation for the U.S.P.C.A. Field Trials held April 22-27. Officer Dingle and Bardo place 21st in the competition.

Belle Glade K-9 unit places in competition

Officer James P. Dingle of the Belle Glade Police Department and his dog, Bardo, placed 21st out of 71 in recent United States Police Canine Association Region One Field Trials held April 22-27 in Naples, Florida.

The event was sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff's Department and dogs and handlers were tested in several areas.

Out of 700 possible points, K-9 Officer Dingle and Bardo accumulated 639 points.

Speak Out

Can you find out?

Is it possible to establish the truth as to whether the City of Pahokee had 25 applicants for the position of City Finance Director and that no one was interviewed and they hired a local person for that job. Is it true that they could not give the city employees a raise, yet they upped the salary of that finance director \$2,000 above the guy who was leaving? Is it possible to find out this information and where they found the money to do this? Isn't that unfair hiring practices to accept that many applications and not have interviews?

Editor's note: Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck responds: I want to assure the caller that proper hiring procedures were followed. We did receive over 20 applications, however, only two of the respondents had any municipal experience.

In reviewing the others, one local respondent had significant financial experience. In the last five years we've had four finance directors. It's obvious we can't afford to maintain individuals who are always looking for better positions and are using us as a stepping stone.

The local respondent, whom we hired, has lived in the area for

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a number of years and this is his home.

As I didn't want to look for another finance director next year and was satisfied the local respondent could do the job, I saw no reason to inconvenience other respondents when I wasn't seriously considering them. As for the salary, I did have to raise the salary of the position, but since the city has left the state retirement plan and started their own, the savings kept the salary within our budget.

I realize this hiring created some concern, but I believe what was done was in the best interest of the city.

Comedian Dick Gregory to appear at the Duncan Theater

Comedian Dick Gregory will appear live at the Palm Beach Community College, Duncan Theater in Lake Worth on Saturday, May 25 at 8 p.m.

The Classroom Teachers Association's Human and Civil Rights Committee, Black Educators Caucus, along with the Ridgewood Hills Community Action Group of Boynton Beach are sponsoring Mr. Gregory.

Ben Brantley of the New York Times raves in his review of Mr. Gregory's show by



explaining, "Advice from an authority: Laugh!" Writer

"Father John" Mericantante receives Distinguished Layman Award

The Florida Medical Association (FMA) today presented its 1996 Distinguished Layman Award to the Rev. John J. Mericantante III at the FMA's 122nd Annual Meeting in Orlando.

Rev. Mericantante, better known as "Father John," was honored "for his altruistic efforts to improve access to quality health care for the underprivileged in his community."

Father John has been the pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pahokee for two years. In that time, he has started a parish museum, completed major building repairs to the church and worked with Palm Beach County Public Health Unit officials to open a clinic in the church which was the site of Pahokee's first "Healthiest."

Free vaccinations and immunizations, prenatal care and medical care for the elderly were offered at the "Healthiest" and the event also marked the opening of a satellite health clinic in the parish hall which helps prospective parents determine their eligibility for Medicaid or other health care services.

Father John encourages his parishioners to seek medical care and becomes personally involved in the lives of his parishioners, and in one case,

helped find a donor to pay for new hearing implants for a hearing impaired 8-year-old. He has worked with the Palm Beach County Medical Society to publicize their three community forums on domestic violence through weekly sermons, organizing parishioners to distribute flyers in the town's major supermarkets and offered the parish hall as

one of the forum sites.

Jean M. Malecki, M.D., Director of Public Health for Palm Beach County, said "Father John is a true humanitarian who has dedicated his life to helping those who otherwise would not receive even the most basic health and social services. He is an advocate for those in need."

For tickets, contact Terry Thomas at Lake Shore Middle School at 996-4960, or at 407-848-0086 at home.

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 686 complaints the week of May 6-12 and handled 17 crime scenes. Those arrested included:

May 7 - Juanita Lowe, 33, failure to appear; Juvenile, 14, violation of court conditions; Bruce Painter, 33, two counts of domestic battery; Kevin Rolle, 21, gambling with dice.

May 8 - Jean St. Ullyse, 19, battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest without violence and gambling with dice.

May 9 - Reginald Miller, 25, grand theft of a firearm, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of marijuana over 20 grams,

possession of marijuana with intent to sell and carrying a concealed firearm; John Frasier, 28, burglary, grand theft; Shinn Porter, 25, aggravated assault and throwing a deadly missile.

May 10 - Melinda Freeman, 23, aggravated stalking, violation of a restraining order and battery; Cynthia Burke, 28, aggravated stalking, violation of a restraining order and battery; Mable Jean Johnson, 53, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

May 11 - Morris Slydell, 48, domestic battery; Clavara Washington, 19, retail theft; Henry Owens, 23, aggravated battery; David Pettway,

possession of marijuana under 20 grams, Jackie Johnson, 23, violation of probation.

May 12 - Elizar Romero, 51, domestic battery; Juvenile, 16, gambling with dice, obstruction by flight, possession of alcohol by a minor; Nidust Campbell, 53, lewd and lascivious acts on a child.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated.

Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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"A Time of Stress" Part One

We were to take our time, sighthouse on the way, and stop when I was tired. Our only regret was in leaving behind my other sister, Miriam, and her family, who also lived in Tulsa.

We stopped for a few days' visit with an uncle about 300 miles from Tulsa. My family has the closest of relationships with one

another and it would have been hard to find a happier group in the world than we all were.

Life was simple and full of joy and we were all looking forward to joining my only brother, Paul, in Florida. He was a handsome, 18-year-old boy, and had lived with my sister Miriam and me the year before, while completing

High School, then went back to his home in Florida.

My parents wanted to bring him on their visit to us and he had never been alone before, but my father had taken over an automobile agency in the little town of Pahokee where they lived and my brother, who was interested in anything mechanical,

wanted to take charge of the garage in my father's absence. He was planning to enter college in Sept., so this would probably be his only chance to work in the garage. Also, I think he liked the idea of being on his own. Over-persuaded, my parents left him with a responsible man in charge.

We left my uncle's home light-hearted and full of happy plans. The first evening found us in Texas. We stopped early and found lovely Tourist Cottages. What an enjoyable time we had cooking together and chatting, until finally we went to bed and to sleep. The next day out, a gorgeous, sunny day, we were making good time and the two children were looking forward to the long ferry ride across the Mississippi River. In the distance, we could see the huge ferry boat coming toward shore. My husband and I, being in the lead, drew up first and got out of the car. A tired-looking man, standing by the bank, watched us for a while, then when he saw a car pulling up just back of us, and then another, he walked over and inquired if we were C.A. Shive's party. Imagine our surprise at being addressed in that way. When we assented, he told us bluntly, "Paul Shive is dead."

He knew no details, only that the police of many towns had been on the lookout for us as we passed through, but failing that

the uncle whom we had visited had called on the Masonic organization, to which he belonged, to trace us. They had posted a man at the Mississippi banks where we would have to stop if we were going that way. He had been there all that day.

My sister in Tulsa had been notified first and her grief was made double at the news and her inability to locate us, so she in turn had notified my uncle. Inaction was terrible for her, but she could do nothing but try to trace us by wires and telephone.

Now we had been warned by the doctor that any severe shock would not be good for my father, who has leakage of the heart and frequent fainting spells. He came up with a smile and a twinkle in his eyes to greet the stranger, but his smile turned to a look of death when we told him. He grasped the door of our car and only made one small grant, as if he were struck a blow suddenly.

You cannot imagine that slow ride of agony on the ferry. All of us in ignorance as to what had actually happened. One moment hoping it was a mistake or that he was only injured, and the next knowing for a certainty that it was a fact. Each of us trying to hide feelings for the sake of the others. My father bearing up bravely, with an occasional smile on his face, for Mother's sake. Mother, who dared not let down

or daddy might not make it. The whole family's solitude for me and my brother-in-law who was not well.

We spent two hours in Vicksburg, Miss., putting long-distance calls through and finally learned that Paul was killed in a car accident at Ocala, Fla., about 300 miles from his home.

We changed our route a little, and with white faces, pressed onward, only this time Father took the lead. The greatest part of our journey was still ahead of us and my parents could not bear to spend one more moment than necessary away from Paul. They could make greater speed so they left us and pressed onward.

The rest of the trip was purest agony. I sat in a strained attitude, watching ditches on both sides, where I would not have been surprised to see a gray car at any time. Laboring under such a strain, it was dangerous for my father to drive and, at the speed he was tearing, doubly so. My father would not permit Mother to drive then, said he wanted to be doing something, and as I have explained, with what the rest of us were laboring under, it was impossible for any of us to do so. It might only add to the trouble. My parents were almost a day ahead of us in reaching brother.

(See Part Two of "A Time of Stress" in next week's edition of The Sun.)

Glades Track Club, May 4 results

Glades Track Club placed well in their Altamonte Springs 5th Annual Track and Field Developmental meet May 4. The team is coached by Louis Butts, Coach Renard Bennett, and Assistant Coach Kelvin Greer.

The results are as follows:

Long Jump:
Charles Anderson, 13, 1st place; Christopher Joseph, 12, 2nd place; and Xavier Bryant, 11, 2nd place.

4x100 - age group 9-10:
Waymond Funderburk, Clarence Robinson, John Destin, and Arkelvin Monroe, 2nd place with a time of 100.35.

4x100 - age group 13-14:
Deandre Nelson, Antonio Minus, Antonio Hill, and Jermaine Brother, 2nd place with a time of 49.75.

100 meter:
Christopher Joseph, 12, 1st place with 13.75; Charles Anderson, 13, 1st place with 13.75; Deandre Nelson, 14, 3rd place; Jermaine Brother, 14, 4th place; and Antonio Minus, 14, 5th place.

200 meter:
Antonio Hill, 14, 1st place with 25.45; Albert Dukes, age group 9-10, 1st place; John Destin, age group 9-10, 4th place; Arkelvin Monroe, age group 9-10, 5th place; and Christopher Joseph, 12, 3rd place.

400 meter:
Xavier Bryant, age group 11-12, 2nd place with 1:14.28.

800 meter:
Xavier Bryant, age group 11-12, 1st place; and John Destin, age group 9-10, 2nd place.

4x400 - age group 9-10:
Joseph Bryant, Clarence Robinson, Albert Dukes, and Xavier Bryant, 1st place with 5:13.01.

4x400 - age group 13-14:
Charles Anderson, Antonio Minus, Deandre Nelson, and Antonio Hill, 1st place with 4:35.

During the day, the Glades Track Club won a total of 32 ribbons and 26 medals.

The Glades Track Club's next meet will be held May 18, 9 p.m. at the Palm Beach Lakes High School. West Palm Beach, titled the Hershey Local Track & Field Meet.

Glades Central High School's boys and girls grasp track titles May 3

During the South II Regional 4A track and field championships held at Glades Central High School Friday, May 3, there was no stopping the girls and boys' Raider teams.

Danella Bythwood, sophomore, won the girls high jump with 5' 2" and 110 hurdles with a 14.87, while suffering from the flu. April Jones placed second in the 110

hurdles with 15.37, suffering a pulled muscle.

Raider's Yvonne Joachim won two events. The long jump with 18'1" and the triple jump with 37'11".

Suncoast won first, second, and third in the girls 100 meter competition; and the Chargers placed second in the girls final

standings with 113 points.

For the boys, Percy Johnson won the long jump with 22'5".

In the 1,600 meter and 3,200 meter relay, Glades Central took first place. Raider's Teddy Sims took second in the 110 hurdles in 15.30, and Clewiston's Barley won with 14.33.

Raiders captured Class 4A state track and field championship in Gainesville May 9

Thursday night, May 9, at the University of Florida, Gainesville, the Glades Central High School Raiders captured the Class 4A state track and field championship.

TEAM SCORES:

BOYS:
First - Glades Central, 62.5 points; Second - Quincy-Sanks, 60 points; and Third - Groveland-South Lake, 42 points.

GIRLS:
First - Glades Central, 69 points; Second - Orlando-Jones, 58 points; and Third - Jacksonville-Ribault, 56 points.

This is the fourth state title for Coach Willie McDonald.

The Raider girls set records of their own. The 3,200 meter relay of April Jones, Chimere Outler, Paryl Morris and Tiphany McKenzie set a school record of 9:49.32, although they finished second in the race.

Yvonne Joachim won two gold medals by winning the long jump with 15-3 1/4 and the triple jump with 37 1/2, and teammate Sharrill Johnson placed sec-

ond with 17-9 1/4. Danella Bythwood won the 300 meter hurdles in 44.98 seconds.

OTHER SCORES:

BOYS:

3,200 relay: Glades Central placed first with 8:01.58.

1,600 relay: Glades Central won first place with 3:18.88.

400 relay: Glades Central placed seventh with 43.01.

400m: Leon Wilkerson placed second with 48.61; and Terrance McBride placed 49.77.

800: Glades Central's Krisna Briscoe placed second with 1:57.99; Theo Jacobs placed fourth with 2:00.08; and Daniel Williams tied for seventh with 2:00.90.

Long jump: Glades Central's Percy Johnson placed seventh with 21-9 1/4.

Triple jump: Raider Percy Johnson placed fourth with 44-4 3/4.

High jump: Raider Xavier Shannon placed third with 6-6.

GIRLS:

3,200 relay: Glades Central placed



William Darren Meetez Boles

Charles and Linda Boles of Lockport, La., wish to announce the graduation of

Boles earns two college degrees

their son William Darren Meetez Boles, on May 18, 1996.

He received his D.D.S. from LSU (Louisiana State University) School of Dentistry in New Orleans, La., and his bachelor's degree in Biology from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La.

He is the grandson of the late Fred and Gladys Boles, formerly of Pahokee.



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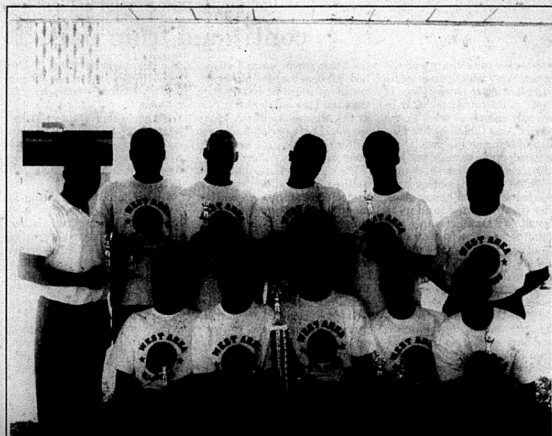
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WEST AREA ALL-STARS are headed for National tournament, June 16-22, and sponsorships & donations are needed to make the trip possible.

West Area All-Stars slam-dunk competition; headed to Akron, Ohio, June 16-22 for National tournament

Seems there's no stopping the West Area All-Star basketball team!

The West Area All-Stars beat the Wellington Vikings to capture the District 12 championship at Palm Beach Community College April 14.

The squad also went undefeated in the Regional 12 tournament in Cocoa Beach April 26-28, beating the Ft. Lauderdale Bulldogs in the championship game, by a score of 57-48, to capture the Region 12, Eighth grade championship.

Now the West Area All-Star team is set to compete in the national tournament in Akron, Ohio, June 16-22.

The West Area All-Star team

is comprised of selected middle school athletes from Crestwood Middle in West Palm Beach, Lake Shore Middle in Belle Glade, and Bear Lakes Middle in West Palm Beach.

Members of the team include: Jermaine Bullard, Kio Coffie, Lawrence Gaines, and Damien Thompson of Crestwood Middle; Darnellus Jones, Clayton Jones, Johnnie Mullins, Antonio Thomas, and Emmanuel Taylor of Lakeshore Middle; and Jean Francois of Bear Lakes Middle. The squad is coached by Al Washington of Crestwood, Terry Alexander of Bear Lakes, and Bennie Marvin of Lake

Shore.

At the regional game, held in Cocoa Beach April 26-28, Darnellus Jones and Antonio Thomas were named to the All Tournament Team. Antonio Thomas received the "High Rebounder" award; Darnellus Jones was named "High Scorer" and also took home the MVP honor.

Sponsorships and donations are desperately needed for the West Area All-Stars.

For more information, please call Athletic Director Bennie Murcin of Lake Shore Middle at 993-0946 or Athletic Director Stacey Critchlow of Crestwood Middle at 795-4943.

Glades Day School Gator Tales

The countdown is on for Glades Day School's Class of '96 as the seniors anxiously await the last day of their high school career.

This is their last full week of classes before final exams and then it's a matter of waiting and rehearsing for the commencement ceremony.

Congratulations are in order for the Gator Glee Club and the Junior Glee Club who, led by first-year director Brenda Nehls, presented their Spring program "That's Entertainment" May 7-8 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. The 7th & 8th graders opened the show with "Cinemasig," a choral revue which included tunes such as "The Heat is On" and "Give My Regards to Broadway". The 9-11 then took the stage with "100 Years of Broadway," singing and dancing their way through songs that included "The Early Years," "The Golden Years," and "State of the Art".

The Gator Concert Band, under the leadership of director Chris Owens, will take their turn this Thursday, May 17, as they present their Spring Concert in Glades Day School's Tripp Hall. The performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to arrive early

and pick a good seat!

Probably the most often-asked question the past few weeks is "When will the yearbooks be here?" You heard it first in this column - they are scheduled to arrive Friday, May 24. Yes, we know the seniors will be out of class, but this will give them an excuse to come back to school one



more time (besides for graduation).

To ensure that everyone will have time to get autographs from their friends, the Annual staff is planning a "Yearbook Signing Party" for grades 4-12 one evening the following week. Details of the party will be announced later.

After a successful car wash last Saturday, the varsity football team is sponsoring a BBQ chicken dinner at Tripp Hall from 4:30-7 p.m. this Friday, May 17.

Tickets are \$6 and are available from the coaches or football players. Proceeds from the dinner will help those attending camp in Utah. You may eat in or take out, but you might want to stick around and watch the second annual "Green & Gold" game which begins at 7:30 p.m. at "The Swamp." Visitors to the intrasquad scrimmage game can also take part in the "50-50" drawing, where the winner will receive 50% of the money collected in the pot.

Speaking of football, tryouts for the football cheerleader squads were held last Thursday, May 9.

Congratulations to the following girls who made the squads: JUNIOR HIGH: Kristin Gilliam, Summer Miller, Blair Pelham, Olivia De Castro, Amanda Mills, Heather Cumpston, Lauren Sweet and Jessica Johnson. JV SQUAD: Kelly Alvarez, Saulin Quan, Emily Reese, Farrah Shuts, Cristina Lorens, Courtney Carlton, Christie Gilbert, Kelly Salvatore and Kara Salvatore. VARSITY: Karen De Castro, Angela Miller, Stephanie Terrill, Stephanie Stein, Carla Baez, Nicole Rivas, Shannon Dobrow, Brooke Prescott, Denea Wood and Joy Salkley.

Go back in time at "Pioneer Days"

Do not be surprised if a Civil War soldier is the sampling of Confederate icons including a dining room clock, silver spoons, a pocket watch, currency, potatoes, and a display of 1860-era guns. There are also racks of swords and bayonets.

Re-enactors, outfitted in Confederate uniforms, will likely run up on a Union encampment and start fighting. It could happen by the Ole General Store in the middle of town or out by the Blacksmith Shop down the street.

Uniforms are made from similar material used by Civil War soldiers over a century ago. The buttons are made off the original press," said volunteer organizer David Rose. "Most of the guys think their own. The soldiers who will be in their costumes. It is like a living history where people can walk through and see how the soldiers lived." A popular attraction at "Pioneer Days" in Yester Year Village is the Civil War Museum. Visitors will have unusual hands-on access to such artifacts as rifles, boot guns, and Union and

Confederate replica uniforms. There will be a sampling of Confederate icons including a dining room clock, silver spoons, a pocket watch, currency, potatoes, and a display of 1860-era guns. There are also racks of swords and bayonets.

The museum is an authentic building relocated from a Civil War era pineapple plantation in nearby Eden, Florida. "One of the main things we teach people are the different flags," Rose said. The confederacy had five different flags. We also like to teach people about the middle part of the war, things you don't read in your history books." Florida holds a unique historical position in the Civil War, in that its capital was the only southern capital not overtaken by Union forces. "There were more Florida men who fought for the confederacy than any other state," said Rose. "Florida produced beef,

pork, and salt for the Confederate army and the Union because they came in and stole it.

The third annual "Pioneer Days" is three days of good times and fun including antiques, artisans, crafts, food, and entertainment. Leather, wood, candle and basket makers will showcase their wares.

The Yester Year Flywheelers will display antique farm equipment together with diesel, gas, and coal fired engines of all shapes and sizes. Vintage and antique hot rod cars will also be on display. Experience a real working saw mill. Look on as a blacksmith works over a coal forge. Sip on a cool beverage at "Buckskin Cafe."

"Pioneer Days" is Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27, beginning at 9 a.m. at Yester Year Village on the South Florida Fairgrounds, seven miles west of I-95 in West Palm Beach.

Fishing with B.A.S.S. Pro. Walt Reynolds

This fishing report is starting to sound like a broken record. The weather has been in a stable pattern with hot, sunny, and windy days and we need a change.

Finding clear water to fish is still the biggest challenge each day. When you find a clear water, 4' to 5' deep, you can catch some nice fish on spinnerbaits, topwaters, and worms.

When you are fishing topwater baits, you may have to experiment with the speed of your retrieve and if you don't get any action in a short time, try a faster more erratic presentation. Sometimes they may want the bait sitting per-

fectly still, so just keep an open mind and don't be afraid to change up.

The dirty water doesn't just effect the bass fishing. The bluegill and shellcracker fishermen are finding it to be slower than what we have grown to expect this time of year.

We will travel to Lake Eufaula in Alabama this week to fish the last BassMasters event of the 95-96 season. There should be some heavy strings caught as they have a 16" length limit on that lake.

Have a great week.

To all a good bite, Walt Reynolds B.A.S.S. Touring Pro.



Walt Reynolds

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT CITY OF BELLE GLADE

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD/CITY COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 163, the City of Belle Glade Code, Chapter 31-291, that the Local Planning & Zoning Board and the City Commission of the City of Belle Glade will hold public hearings for the preparation of the City's Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

In accordance with Chapter 163 F.S., Part II, F.S., the City of Belle Glade must conduct an Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of its Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the EAR is to assess the success or failure of the City's Comprehensive Plan and to provide objectives and policies to adequately address the needs of the City due to changing conditions.

Public Hearings Schedule

May 23, 1996 - Planning & Zoning Board at 5:30 p.m.
June 10, 1996 - City Commission at 8:00 p.m.

The eight elements of the Comprehensive Plan will be discussed. The elements are: Conservation, Infrastructure, Intergovernmental coordination, Traffic, Recreation and Open Space, Housing, Future Land Use, and Capital Improvement.

These Public Hearings will be held at the Belle Glade City Hall, Municipal Complex, Belle Glade, Florida and will commence at said time or as soon thereafter as can be heard.

The public is invited to attend these hearings or submit written comments to the City of Belle Glade regarding the Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

Copies of the Preliminary Work Product for the Evaluation and Appraisal Report may be reviewed by the public at the Planning & Zoning Department, located in the City Hall of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, Municipal Complex, Belle Glade, Florida, 33430, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. daily except on Saturday and Sunday. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Planning & Zoning Department at (407) 996-0100.

Should any interested party seek to appeal any decision made by the Planning & Zoning Board or City Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearings, such person will need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be used.

City of Belle Glade, Florida
By: Debra R. Huff, City Clerk

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CITY OF SOUTH BAY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT

The City of South Bay is updating its Comprehensive Plan through the State of Florida's mandated Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process. The purpose of the EAR is to evaluate and assess the Comprehensive Plan in accomplishing its adopted objectives, describe current conditions within the City, identify changes that have occurred since the Plan was adopted and to suggest amendments needed to update the plan or its elements, including revised objectives, policies and standards.

The City has been holding a series of public meetings to discuss the EAR and solicit public participation. The City Commission is required to adopt the EAR by June 1, 1996. The City Commission will consider a resolution to adopt the EAR on May 21, 1996.

The meeting will be held in the City Commission Chambers at South Bay City Hall located at 335 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay, Florida 33499 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

For inspection of the draft EAR, or for more information about the EAR and the schedule of activities, contact the City of South Bay at 407-996-3688.

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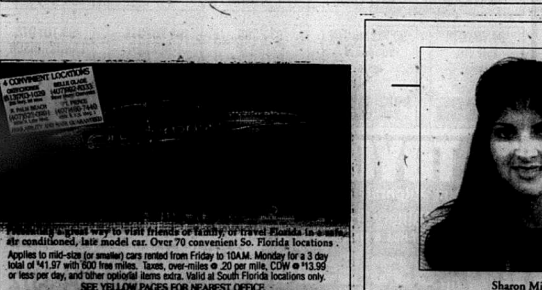
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Glades Day School Spring Sports Awards given Monday, May 6

Glades Day School's athletes in baseball, softball, golf, and tennis were honored in a Spring Sports awards program in the school's Tripp Hall Monday, May 6.

While all the athletes were recognized for their contributions, special awards went to the following:

GOLF - Jason Hoard, Low Stroke Average; John Lee Hand, Outstanding Golfer; Josh Davis, Unsung Hero; and Jake Davis, Most Improved Player.

GIRLS' TENNIS - Fida Musallet, Most Consistent Singles Player; Monica Schmidt and Fida Musallet, MVP Doubles Players; and Ashley Currias, Coach's Award.

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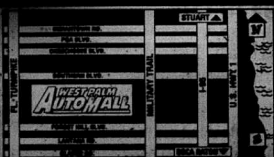
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Organized bass tournament anglers are eligible for an exemption from new bass fishing regulations for Lake Okechobee and South Florida which became effective April 1, 1996.

Tournament anglers with valid permits will be allowed to possess any size bass caught as long as it is released live into the water after the weigh-in, said Frank Morello, Everglades regional fishery biologist with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC).

Everglades Youth Camp opens this June;

Volunteers play key role in renovation work

The Everglades Youth Camp in Palm Beach County will open its doors to summer campers this June as scheduled thanks to volunteers who recently coordinated a \$50,000 renovation of the camp's sewer retention pond.

Approximately 800 children, age eight to 14, attend the summer camp which is sponsored by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC), according to Youth Camp Director Lt. Bill Bullock. The campers learn about wildlife conservation and the environment.

"The renovation of the sewer retention pond was necessary if the camp was to meet county health code regulations," Bullock said. "We didn't have that kind of money in our budget."

Bullock said 2,500 yards of fill had to be hauled to the job site. The volunteers filled the original retention pond and dug new ponds measuring 135-feet long by 30-feet wide. A five-foot berm was constructed around each pond.

The project was coordinated by Bishop Wright, president of the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association (FSCA); Robert Stosel of FSCA, project chairman; and Tom Worrell, FSCA project co-chairman. Approximately 25 FSCA members participated in the week-end project.

The participating companies also provided drivers and equipment operators at no cost to the camp. Local firms who donated their employees and heavy equipment included: Ranger Construction Industries, Inc., West Palm Beach; Hardrive, Inc., Delray; Murray Logan Construction, Inc., West Palm Beach; J.W. Cheatham, Inc., West Palm Beach; Smith Brothers Contracting Equipment, West Palm Beach; Trax, Inc., West Palm Beach; and Kirk's Bobcat Service, West Palm Beach.

"I can't say enough good things about the generous people who put this together," Bullock said. "They donated the equipment and operators at no cost to the taxpayer." The Everglades Youth Camp has always had the enthusiastic support of the local community," he said.

Exemption permits are available for tournaments with ten or more participants. Permits allow tournament anglers an exemption to size limits. This includes the limit of one fish over 22-inches, the new slot limit on Lake Okechobee, and the new size limit in the Everglades Region. Bass clubs should apply for an exemption 60 days before the scheduled tournament.

All permit requests for Lake

Okechobee will be handled out of the Okechobee Field Office, 891 S.E. 27th Court, Okechobee, FL 34974. Telephone (941) 763-4666.

Exemption applications for Lake Okechobee and other water bodies in south Florida are available at the GFC's Everglades Regional Office, 551 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415. Tel. (407) 640-6100.

The Everglades Region includes: St. Lucie, Oke-

chobee, Martin, Indian River, Collier, Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Hendry and Monroe counties.

Morello reminded anglers that new largemouth bass fishing regulations are in effect. They apply to the area south of a line running from the south bank of the St. Lucie Estuary, following the north bank of the St. Lucie Canal west to Lake Okechobee, and then following U.S. 441 south around the lake, and then west along

State Route 80 to the west coast.

Anglers south of that line may take five largemouth bass per day, only one of which may measure 14-inches or longer.

Lake Okechobee is also under new regulations. A protective slot limit from 13- to 18-inches is in effect. Only one fish longer than 22-inches may be kept.

"The goal of these new regulations on Lake Okechobee and in south Florida are the

same," Morello said. "The goal is to produce more large or what we call quality bass. Those are bass weighing three pounds and up."

"Florida is still a good bass fishing state, but we don't have as many big bass as in previous years," Morello said. "These new regulations are designed to turn the clock back in Florida to the 1940's when it wasn't that uncommon to catch a bass exceeding 18-inches long."

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